



# THE WEEK IN MOTOR CIRCLES

## —WITH TRADE AND OWNER—



### JACK GRIFFIN LOSES HIS CAR WHEN CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ARREST HIM

Tour of International Wanderer, famous Non-Stop Maxwell, Comes to an Untimely End—Canadians Would Not Allow Auto to Leave Country After Making Trip From Mexico to Canadian Border This Year

The tour of the "International Wanderer," famous motor-non stop Maxwell, from Mexico to Canada and back again, came to an untimely end. The service, which had been in progress for some time, has been confiscated by the Canadian government and is now locked in the king's warehouse at Vancouver.

The day after their arrival from Mexico over the scenic International Highway, the members of the crew of the car were hauled before J. M. Bowell, collector of customs at Vancouver for His Majesty the King, and informed that they had violated the laws of British Columbia and of the Dominion of Canada. They had entered British Columbia as tourists and were really in the country for commercial purposes, it was claimed.

No explanation could make the stern Canadian customs official change his views and the car was taken to the royal warehouse and placed under lock and key. The customs officials claimed that the signs on the car were advertising and that by displaying said signs, the car was being used for commercial purposes although Jack Griffin, representative of the Maxwell factory, who was in charge of the car, vigorously protested his innocence. It was also claimed that the car was being used for commercial purposes inasmuch as Albert G. Waddell, a magazine writer, was being carried as a passenger and would commercialize the account of the tour up the coast from Mexico.

Attorneys were consulted and the Vancouver Automobile Club was appealed to. Wires were sent to officials of the American Automobile Association and the Royal Automobile Club of Canada. Men of influence, prominent in professional and business circles of Canada, made personal appeals to the customs authorities, but it was no use. The car stayed in his majesty's warehouse and the motorists returned to the United States by rail.

Attorneys representing the Maxwell Motor Sales Corporation now have the matter in hand and will endeavor to recover the car in time to have it exhibited at the coming fall automobile shows on the Pacific coast. The customs officials at Vancouver have submitted a report on the matter to Ottawa and nothing can be done until the decision is rendered by the authorities at the capital.

Jack Griffin, driver of the car, claims that the Canadian authorities are at fault as they allowed him to enter Canada with the famous non-stop Maxwell and when he was about to start on the return journey to Mexico, arrested him.

No effort was made to demonstrate the car or take any orders for the Maxwell line while the Americans were in possession of the famous machine on the Canadian side of the international boundary. They claim that in shipping out the International Wanderer, they were touring and en route to Canada for touring purposes.

The Canadian officials have a strict interpretation of the law on this point and it is enforced to the limit. Canadians entering British Columbia from the United States are caught up in the slightest technicality, according to Griffin. He claims that the famous Maxwell was taken on a slight technical slip that he was not aware of until he was seized by the customs.

The authorities at Ottawa uphold the decision of the customs office of Vancouver. It will mean that in the future no cars may enter British Columbia from the United States bearing advertising of any kind. Even passengers giving the home town of the owners and the owner's name on the side will make them liable to arrest for violation of the customs laws.

On the trip from Mexico, the Maxwell car was decorated with the name of every town passed through and

### EARL BURMAN TO ENTER CAR FOR VANDERBILT CUP

Brother of Late Bob Burman Will Compete in Big Classic at Santa Monica

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 16.—Is the revered name of Burman to be perpetuated in automobile racing circles after all? Will the younger brother of the dead speed king be the masterful pilot "Wild Bill" was?

These and many more questions are being asked by local race followers as a result of the startling information that Earl Burman, brother of the driver who rode to his death at Corona last April, is constructing a racing car in the shops of a prominent automobile engineer in Los Angeles. The first appearance of the new speed creation will be made at the Vanderbilt Cup and International Grand Prize races at Santa Monica in November.

"I can recall a number of cases where brothers have won fame and fortune in following the hazardous profession of motor racing," said the famous "Ventura Mac" upon learning of the new situation. "In several instances one of the brothers was killed in racing but this never daunted the brother who remained. There is a peculiar lure in the sport that seems to hold in its grasp and the phrase, 'once a racing driver, always a racing driver,' seems to hold good always."

Harry Endicott, brother of the noted "Wild Bill," was killed in a race at Jackson, Michigan, and the day following his death Bill Endicott drove in a dirt track race in St. Paul and this brother is still in the game racing under the outland banner of J. Alex Sloan. Marcel Basle was killed at the Hawthorne track in Chicago and his famous brother, Charles, still drives in some of the Eastern contests.

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### PRACTISE BACKING CAR, ADVICE GIVEN

Many motorists are content to drive their cars ahead day after day, but do not realize the necessity of learning to back properly. Then when they must back suddenly they hit something. Practise backing until it is as easy to you as driving forward. Some day you will have reason to be thankful for this.

### WILLARD BATTERY SERVICE POPULAR

Smoot Tells of Service to Aid Autoists and Keep Them Happy

"For a long time the word 'Service' brought to the mind of the car owner the idea of repairs," said Mr. P. M. Smoot of the firm of Smoot & Steinhauser, Ltd., the local service station for the Willard Storage Battery Company.

"We have overcome this feeling among car owners in our vicinity by making them know how willing we are to help them out of tight places whether repairs are necessary or not."

We have found that it is much better to keep car owners happy by giving them advice or suggestions about their electrical systems, entirely free of charge, rather than to make a charge on the slightest provocation.

"Every Willard service station is in business for the ultimate satisfaction of the car owner. Equipment, tools and knowledge of batteries are absolutely necessary if expert service is to be given. There are probably two big reasons for the popularity of Willard service among owners of motor cars."

"One of these is the fact that the car owner can take his battery to a Willard station and be absolutely sure that the work to be done or the advice to be had will be expert in every respect."

Free inspection. Another reason is the free monthly inspection which tells the car owner just what condition his battery is

in and helps him to avoid any trouble which might come from a lack of knowledge of this condition.

"It is of distinct advantage to the service station proprietor to keep the car owner well satisfied, even if he has to go out of his way to do it and receive nothing more than the car owner's good will. This good will is largely responsible for the success of the Willard policy and is well illustrated by the fact that the Willard company has produced more than a million automobile storage batteries and are taking care of these batteries at convenient points throughout the country."

One person was killed and many injured in a fire and explosion which wrecked a storehouse of the Standard Oil Co., at Chicago.

There has not been a case of yellow fever in the United States since 1905.

### ONE BIG ADVANTAGE

"So you bought one of those automobiles they tell so many funny stories about?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Chuggins. "And it is saving me a lot of trouble and wear and tear. When your friends tell you jokes about your car they don't expect you to ask them to ride around in it."

One of the most interesting developments of the last year, in connection with automobile building, is the wire wheel. More than 50,000 cars, equipped with wire wheels, have started their careers this season. It is predicted that 1917 will see fully 200,000 new cars equipped with wire wheels.

The Federal Motor Truck Company recently shipped a 3 1/2 ton Federal to Christiania, Norway. The truck was a power sprinkler equipped with a thousand gallon tank body.

# White Trucks and AUTOMOBILES PREDOMINATE

## Mechanical Theories versus Performance

There are four different types of final drive in motor trucks and automobiles advocated by their makers. Each has its merits and demerits. It is impossible for the purchaser to determine their comparative values on a theoretical basis. He cannot reconcile the conflicting claims of rival engineers.

The wise buyer brushes aside mere theories of construction and selects the make which holds the record for performance. That is the only value he can know and the only value he can use. The White record is reflected in its predominant annual sales.

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